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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM KONTOS

1. REF CABLE SEEN BY THORNE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE AND WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH YOU.
 2. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF SYMMETRY AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE OUR POLICY OF ENSURING AS CLOSE A BALANCE IN OUR ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.
 3. TRUST EGYPTIANS UNDERSTAND THAT WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED APPROACH AS SOON AS FEASIBLE BUT THAT THE FIRST PHASE WILL PERFORCE BE SOMEWHAT ASYMMETRICAL GIVEN ISRAELI CONTROL OF BUFFER ZONE UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, PLUS THE SIMPLE
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IMPRACTICALITY OF NUMEROUS CROSSINGS OF THE CANAL WITH

LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. WE WILL, HOWEVER,
EVEN IN THE INITIAL PHASE, BE PURCHASING POL FROM EGYPT,
NO SMALL ITEM IN QUANTITY AND IMPORTANCE.

4. AFTER FEBRUARY 22 WE SHOULD BE ABLE ACHIEVE GREATER
EVENHANDEDNESS. SISCO

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